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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on IDS on 3/24/2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 June 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/5508)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/24/2008
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Presently, pending claims are 1 – 22.

Priority

2. This application was originally filed on 25 June 2003; however, in view of Provisional application 60/054,575 (or 60/054,578) both filed on 1st August 1997 and Affidavits submitted on 1st June 2007, the expected earliest beneficial filing date by Applicants for that particular amended claim limitation is 1 August 1997.

Examiner notes in this final Office action, the prior-art rejection is based upon the assumption of beneficial earlier filing date as Applicant argues – i.e. 1st August 1997 from its Provisional application 60/054,575 (or 60/054,578) and its Affidavits filed on 1st June 2007 as Applicant asserts that the statements in the previously submitted Rule 1.132 Affidavit, made by a person of skill in the art (regarding the claim limitation “using an identifier for the selection of encryption”), are in fact evidence that Provisional Application 60/054,575 (or 60/054,578) provides written description support for the claims.

Response to Arguments

3. Regarding the previously presented double patenting, Applicant asserts a determination of obviousness is still premature, since neither application has allowable claims. Since this is a provisional rejection, Applicant chooses not to file a terminal disclaimer at this time. Applicant may file a terminal disclaimer when the instant application has allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, the double patenting rejection continues to hold in this final Office action – please refer to the section of double patenting rejection.

4. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, filed 3/10/2008, with respect to the 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph rejection have been withdrawn in view of the Affidavits filed on 6/1/2007.

5. As per claim 1 and 13, Applicant asserts (a) Kaufman does not teach the key identifier is used to select which packets are encrypted and accordingly (b) Wasilewski in view of Kaufman does not teach using an identifier to select for encryption a digital bit stream from a plurality of digital bit streams (Remarks; Page 4 / 2nd Para / Line 7 – 8).

6. Examiner notes, according to MPEP § 2145, in response to applicant's arguments against the references individually (i.e. see above (a) Kaufman does not teach the key identifier is used to select which packets are encrypted), Examiner notes one cannot show nonobviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on combinations of references. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981); *In re Merck & Co.*, 800 F.2d 1091, 231 USPQ 375 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

On this regard, Examiner asserts Wasilewski'782 teaches (a) the packets of a data stream can be partially encrypted based on the service type of the packet such as video, audio or data (V/A/D) service type – i.e., to select for encryption a portion of each of a plurality of digital bit stream from a transport stream (i.e. partially encrypted from a video, audio or data (V/A/D) combined data stream) (Wasilewski : Column 4 Line 58 – 67) and (b) the packet ID (PID) is available to identify a packet as one of video, audio or data (V/A/D) service types (Wasilewski : Column 14 Line 4 – 7 and Column 13 Line 57 – 59: each type of audio, video and data elementary streams is uniquely assigned a packet ID (PID)).

However, Wasilewski'782 does not disclose explicitly using the packet ID to select which packets to be encrypted.

Examiner notes it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Kaufman within the system of Wasilewski because Kaufman teaches using a packet ID for encryption can provide the advantage for simplifying the decryption task at the receiver by using packet ID as an indicator of the encryption / decryption key (Kaufman: Column 2 Line 12 – 17 / Line 2 – 10 / Line 44 – 56: the key identifier placed inside a transported packet can be considered as one type of packet identifier).

In summary, considering each individual teaching from Wasilewski'782 and Kaufman such as (A) Wasilewski'782 teaches (i) the packets of a data stream can be partially encrypted based on the service type of the packet such as video, audio or data (V/A/D) service type (Wasilewski : Column 4 Line 58 – 67) and (ii) the packet ID (PID) is available to identify a packet as one of video, audio or data (V/A/D) service types (Wasilewski : Column 14 Line 4 – 7 and Column 13 Line 57 – 59) and (B) Kaufman teaches using a packet ID for encryption can provide the advantage for simplifying the decryption task at the receiver by using packet ID as an indicator of the encryption / decryption key (Kaufman: Column 2 Line 12 – 17 / Line 2 – 10 / Line 44 – 56: the key identifier placed inside a transported packet can be considered as one type of packet identifier). Therefore, Examiner notes the combination of Wasilewski'782 and Kaufman as a whole does teach "using a packet identifier to select for encryption a portion of each of a plurality of digital bit stream from a transport stream" and as such Applicant's arguments (see above (b)) are respectfully traversed.

Examiner further notes this motivation of combination based on the knowledge of a person of skill in the art is also consistent with the position taken by Applicant in the use of an Affidavit, made by a person of skill in the art, regarding the claim limitation "using packet ID (PID) for the selection of encryption" to provide written description support for the claims – even

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though the instant disclosure of Provisional application does not exactly and directly teach the claim limitation and instead merely support the teaching in the following ways: (a) the packets of a data stream can be partially encrypted based on the service type of the packet such as video, audio or data (V/A/D) service type and (b) the packet ID (PID) is available to identify a packet as one of video, audio or data (V/A/D) service types (please refer: Provisional 60/054,578: Page 28 Line 25-28 & SPEC: Page 27 Line 19 – 29).

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

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7. Claims 1 and 13 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 13 of copending Application No. 10/602,987. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1 and 13 of the instant application are envisioned by the claims of copending application that contain all the limitations of claims of the instant application because *the claim limitation of "the partially-encrypted bit stream" as recited in the instant application is equivalent to that of "the combined bit stream" as presented in the co-pending application* and as such are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 1 – 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wasilewski (U.S. Patent 5,418,782), which is derived from its patent publication 102(b) date on 23 May 1995, and in view of Kaufman (U.S. Patent 5,081,678).

As per claim 1 and 13, Wasilewski teaches a method for providing an instance in a conditional access system, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting for encryption a digital bit stream from a plurality of digital bit streams

(Wasilewski: Figure 1 and Column 4 Line 65 – Column 5 Line 7 and Column 13 Line 65 – Column 14 Line 5: (a) one or more bit streams of audio, video and data streams can be selected for encryption (Wasilewski: Figure 1 and Column 4 Line 65 – Column 5 Line 7: i.e. partial encryption per audio, video and data streams from a transport stream) and besides, (b) each type of audio, video and data streams is uniquely assigned a packet ID (PID) (Wasilewski: Column 13 Line 65 – Column 14 Line 5) **using an identifier** (See Kaufman below).

encrypting the selected digital bit stream according to a first level encryption method to provide an encrypted instance (Wasilewski: Column 4 Line 65 – 67: one or more service components of a given basic service can be encrypted prior to transmission – i.e. partially encrypted);

combining the encrypted instance with the plurality of digital bit streams to provide a partially-encrypted bit stream (Wasilewski: Column 5 Line 1 – 7 and Column 4 Line 65 – 67: multiplexing is equivalent to combining), and

transmitting the partially -encrypted bit stream (Wasilewski: Column 6 Line 17 – 20).

However, Wasilewski does not explicitly disclose to select for encryption a portion of each of a plurality of digital bit streams from a transport stream using an identifier.

Kaufman in view of Wasilewski teaches **selecting for encryption a digital bit stream from a plurality of digital bit streams** using an identifier (Wasilewski: Column 4 Line 58 – 67, Column 14 Line 4 – 7 and Column 13 Line 57 – 59) & **Kaufman: Column 2 Line 2 – 10 / Line**

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44 – 56: Examiner notes, first of all, Wasilewski teaches (a) one or more service components (i.e. any service component) of a given basic service may be encrypted prior to transmission (Wasilewski: Column 4 Line 58 – 67) and (b) each service component (i.e. elementary stream) is packetized and inserted into the payload section of a transport stream (Wasilewski: Column 14 Line 4 – 7 and Column 13 Line 57 – 59). Accordingly, Wasilewski teaches a transport stream constitutes a portion of encryption packets and a portion of non-encryption packets. Examiner notes, secondly, regarding encryption packets, Kaufman (2nd Reference) teaches a particular key identifier from a plurality of keys can be placed inside a packet simply for encryption / decryption security purpose (Kaufman: Column 2 Line 2 – 10 / Line 44 – 56) – Examiner notes the broadest and reasonable claim interpretations are made, according to MPEP 2111, such that the key identifier placed inside a transported packet can be considered as a packet identifier for determining the selection of encryption upon a given transport stream, as taught by Wasilewski, to meet the claim language).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Kaufman within the system of Wasilewski because (A) Wasilewski'782 teaches (i) the packets of a data stream can be partially encrypted based on the service type of the packet such as video, audio or data (V/A/D) service type (Wasilewski : Column 4 Line 58 – 67) and (ii) the packet ID (PID) is available to identify a packet as one of video, audio or data (V/A/D) service types (Wasilewski : Column 14 Line 4 – 7 and Column 13 Line 57 – 59) and (B) Kaufman teaches using a packet ID for encryption can provide the advantage for simplifying the decryption task at the receiver by using packet ID as an indicator of the encryption / decryption key (Kaufman: Column 2 Line 12 – 17 / Line 2 – 10 / Line 44 – 56: the key identifier placed inside a transported packet can be considered as one type of packet identifier).

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As per claim 2, 4, 14 and 15, Wasilewski teaches each of the plurality of digital bit streams includes a packet identifier, and wherein the selecting step selects the digital bit stream by identifying a predetermined packet identifier (Wasilewski: Column 13 Line 65 – Column 14 Line 5 and Column 4 Line 65 – 67 & Kaufman: Column 2 Line 12 – 17 / Line 2 – 10 / Line 44 – 56: using a packet identifier to select for encryption selects the plurality of digital bit streams by identifying a plurality of predetermined packet identifiers for the portion of encryption packets; wherein the packet w/o the key identifier inside a packet belongs to the portion of non-encryption packets).

As per claim 3, Wasilewski teaches all of the selected digital bit stream is encrypted according to the first level encryption method (Wasilewski: Figure 1 and Column 4 Line 42 – 52: one or more service components, such as video (V), audio (A), and data (CC) can be encrypted / or not-encrypted prior to transmission – i.e., any part of transport stream can be encrypted).

As per claim 5, Wasilewski teaches a portion of the selected digital bit stream is encrypted, wherein the encrypted portion and an unencrypted portion of the selected digital stream are combined with the plurality of digital bit streams (Wasilewski: Column 13 Line 57 – 67 and Column 4 Line 65 – 67: each packet ID is uniquely associated with a particular program / basic service (Video, Audio, Data) and any one or more service components of a given program / basic service can be encrypted prior to transmission (i.e. partially encrypted)).

As per claim 6, Wasilewski teaches the selected digital bit stream is a program (Wasilewski: Column 13 Line 57 – 67 and Column 4 Line 65 – 67: each packet ID is uniquely associated with a particular program / basic service (Video, Audio, Data) and any one or more service components of a given program / basic service can be encrypted prior to transmission (i.e. partially encrypted)).

As per claim 7, Wasilewski teaches the selected digital bit stream is an elementary digital bit stream (Wasilewski: Column 13 Line 57 – 67 and Column 4 Line 65 – 67: each packet ID is uniquely associated with a particular elementary digital bit stream / basic service (Video, Audio, Data) and any one or more service components of a given elementary digital bit stream / basic service can be encrypted prior to transmission (i.e. partially encrypted)).

As per claim 8, Wasilewski teaches selecting more than one digital bit stream from the plurality of digital bit streams, wherein the more than one digital bit stream is identified by predetermined packet identifiers (Wasilewski: Column 13 Line 57 – 67 and Column 4 Line 65 – 67: each packet ID is uniquely associated with a particular elementary digital bit stream / basic service (Video, Audio, Data) and any one or more service components of a given elementary digital bit stream / basic service can be encrypted prior to transmission (i.e. partially encrypted)).

As per claim 9, Wasilewski teaches each of the more than one digital bit stream includes a distinct packet identifier, wherein the selecting step selects the more than one

digital bit stream by identifying at least one of the distinct packet identifiers (Wasilewski: Column 13 Line 65 – Column 14 Line 5 and Column 4 Line 65 – 67 & Kaufman: Column 2 Line 12 – 17 / Line 2 – 10 / Line 44 – 56: using a packet identifier to select for encryption selects the plurality of digital bit streams by identifying a plurality of predetermined packet identifiers for the portion of encryption packets; wherein the packet w/o the key identifier inside a packet belongs to the portion of non-encryption packets).

As per claim 10, Wasilewski teaches a portion of each of the more than one digital bit stream is encrypted according to the first level encryption method (Wasilewski: Column 13 Line 65 – Column 14 Line 5 and Column 4 Line 65 – 67 & Kaufman: Column 2 Line 12 – 17 / Line 2 – 10 / Line 44 – 56: using a packet identifier to select for encryption selects the plurality of digital bit streams by identifying a plurality of predetermined packet identifiers for the portion of encryption packets; wherein the packet w/o the key identifier inside a packet belongs to the portion of non-encryption packets).

As per claim 11, Wasilewski teaches all of the more than one digital bit stream is encrypted according to the first level encryption method (Wasilewski: Column 13 Line 65 – Column 14 Line 5 and Column 4 Line 65 – 67 & Kaufman: Column 2 Line 12 – 17 / Line 2 – 10 / Line 44 – 56: using a packet identifier to select for encryption selects the plurality of digital bit streams by identifying a plurality of predetermined packet identifiers for the portion of encryption packets; wherein the packet w/o the key identifier inside a packet belongs to the portion of non-encryption packets).

As per claim 12, Wasilewski teaches at least one of a portion of each of the more than one digital bit stream and all of the more than one digital bit stream is encrypted according to the first level encryption method (Wasilewski: Column 13 Line 65 – Column 14 Line 5 and Column 4 Line 65 – 67 & Kaufman: Column 2 Line 12 – 17 / Line 2 – 10 / Line 44 – 56: using a packet identifier to select for encryption selects the plurality of digital bit streams by identifying a plurality of predetermined packet identifiers for the portion of encryption packets; wherein the packet w/o the key identifier inside a packet belongs to the portion of non-encryption packets).

As per claim 16, Wasilewski teaches the encrypted portion includes at least one of the plurality of packets associated with the video stream (Wasilewski: Column 13 Line 57 – Column 14 Line 16 Column 4 Line 65 – 67 and Figure 1).

As per claim 17, Wasilewski teaches the at least one of the plurality of packets is selected by the packet identifier indicative of the video stream (Wasilewski: Column 13 Line 57 – Column 14 Line 16 Column 4 Line 65 – 67 and Figure 1).

As per claim 18, Wasilewski teaches the encrypted portion includes at least one of plurality of packets associated with the audio stream (Wasilewski: Column 13 Line 57 – Column 14 Line 16 Column 4 Line 65 – 67 and Figure 1).

As per claim 19, Wasilewski teaches the at least one of the plurality of packets is selected by the packet identifier indicative of the audio stream (Wasilewski: Column 13 Line 57 – Column 14 Line 16 Column 4 Line 65 – 67 and Figure 1).

As per claim 20, Wasilewski teaches the encrypted portion includes at least one of the plurality of packets associated with the data stream (Wasilewski: Column 13 Line 57 – Column 14 Line 16 Column 4 Line 65 – 67 and Figure 1).

As per claim 21, Wasilewski teaches the at least one of the plurality of packets is selected by the packet identifier indicative of the data stream (Wasilewski: Column 13 Line 57 – Column 14 Line 16 Column 4 Line 65 – 67 and Figure 1).

As per claim 22, Wasilewski teaches the encrypted portion includes at least one of the plurality of packets associated with at least one of the video stream, the audio stream, and the data stream (Wasilewski: Column 13 Line 57 – Column 14 Line 16 Column 4 Line 65 – 67 and Figure 1).

9. Claims 1 – 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wasilewski et al. (U.S. Patent 5,359,601), as per publication date October 25, 1994 for 102(a) rejections, and in view of Kaufman (U.S. Patent 5,081,678).

As per claim 1 and 13, Wasilewski teaches a method for providing an instance in a conditional access system, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting for encryption a digital bit stream from a plurality of digital bit streams

(Wasilewski: Figure 1 and Column 4 Line 42 – 52, Column 7 Line 10 – 35 / Line 6 – 9 and Column 5 Line 52 – 55: one or more bit streams of audio, video and data streams can be selected for encryption and each basic service component / transport data stream has a packet format) **using an identifier** (See Kaufman below).

encrypting the selected digital bit stream according to a first level encryption method to provide an encrypted instance (Wasilewski: Figure 1 and Column 4 Line 42 – 52 and Column 7 Line 10 – 35 / Line 6 – 9: (a) each basic service comprises a set of one or more service components, such as video (V), audio (A), and data (CC) that can be encrypted / or not-encrypted prior to transmission – i.e., any part of transport stream can be encrypted and (b) the selection of audio, video and data streams (i.e. the selection of the medium type);

combining the encrypted instance with the plurality of digital bit streams to provide a partially-encrypted bit stream (Wasilewski: Figure 1 and Column 4 Line 42 – 52 and Column 7 Line 10 – 35 / Line 6 – 9), and

transmitting the partially -encrypted bit stream (Wasilewski: Figure 1 and Column 4 Line 42 – 52 and Column 7 Line 10 – 35 / Line 6 – 9: by multiplexing the service component bit streams).

However, Wasilewski does not explicitly disclose to select for encryption a portion of each of a plurality of digital bit streams from a transport stream using an identifier.

Kaufman in view of Wasilewski teaches selecting for encryption a digital bit stream from a plurality of digital bit streams using an identifier (Wasilewski: Column 4 Line 58 – 67, Column 14 Line 4 – 7 and Column 13 Line 57 – 59) & **Kaufman: Column 2 Line 2 – 10 / Line 44 – 56:** Examiner notes, first of all, Wasilewski teaches (a) one or more service components

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(i.e. any service component) of a given basic service may be encrypted prior to transmission (Wasilewski: Column 4 Line 58 – 67) and (b) each service component (i.e. elementary stream) is packetized and inserted into the payload section of a transport stream (Wasilewski: Column 4 Line 58 – 67, Column 14 Line 4 – 7 and Column 13 Line 57 – 59). Accordingly, Wasilewski teaches a transport stream constitutes a portion of encryption packets and a portion of non-encryption packets. Examiner notes, secondly, regarding encryption packets, Kaufman (2nd Reference) teaches a particular key identifier from a plurality of keys can be placed inside a packet simply for encryption / decryption security purpose (Kaufman: Column 2 Line 2 – 10 / Line 44 – 56) – Examiner notes the broadest and reasonable claim interpretations are made, according to MPEP 2111, such that the key identifier placed inside a transported packet can be considered as a packet identifier for determining the selection of encryption upon a given transport stream, as taught by Wasilewski, to meet the claim language).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Kaufman within the system of Wasilewski because (a) Wasilewski teaches a transport stream constitutes a portion of encryption packets and a portion of non-encryption packets (Wasilewski: Figure 1 and Column 4 Line 42 – 52 and Column 7 Line 10 – 35 / Line 6 – 9), and for the portion of encryption packets, (b) Kaufman teaches providing an enhanced security mechanism by placing a particular key identifier (instead of the key itself) from a plurality of keys inside a packet simply for encryption / decryption of the data packet so that it is not allowed any user of the network to intercept the data packet and, using the key, decrypt the data (Kaufman: Column 2 Line 12 – 17 / Line 2 – 10 / Line 44 – 56).

The rest of dependent claims 2 – 12 and 14 – 22 can be rejected using the similar methods as set forth on the previous section of this Office action.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LONGBIT CHAI whose telephone number is (571)272-3788. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R. Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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